### August 10th, 2019

#### The Beginning

The Water Insecurity Correction Coalition was started by Annabel Gregg on a road trip with her family and friends. On a long car ride from Philadelphia while brainstorming on a mini- whiteboard, the WICC idea was born.

# Kick Off

Our first fundraiser launches in October 2019, the WICC Warriors Fundraising Week. Although small, this team-oriented fundraiser set the tone for one of WICC's main goals: grassroots fundraising for water insecure communities through creative awareness-raising. \$210 went to the #JustCleanIt water drive held in Newark, NJ.



#### newsletter!



#### Well now that you're here, what's WICC all about?

The Water Insecurity Correction Coalition is a budding nonprofit youth-based organization founded in Greenwich, New York. We believe access to clean water is a human right, one that people often take for granted. Through advocacy, education, and development, our goal is to assure everyone on earth has access to clean water.



The WICC monthly newsletter İS launched in September. Future issues feature articles from Almy Bartis, Molly Morse-Belcher, Judy Gregg, and many other contributors. To date we have released 5 newsletters after rewamping this past July, with over 80 subscribers and our highest-viewed newsletter at 212 reads.

# COVID-19&WICC

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, WICC partners with the Town of Greenwich and the Greenwich Lions Club to help safely provide groceries to senior citizens in the area. Valuing community engagement in a time of need and providing volunteer opportunities to young Shoppers, this program helps deliver over \$500 worth of groceries to local Greenwich residents, and had over 20 volunteers signed up to help. The program went on with Shopping buddies from late March to early July (and will return if needed).

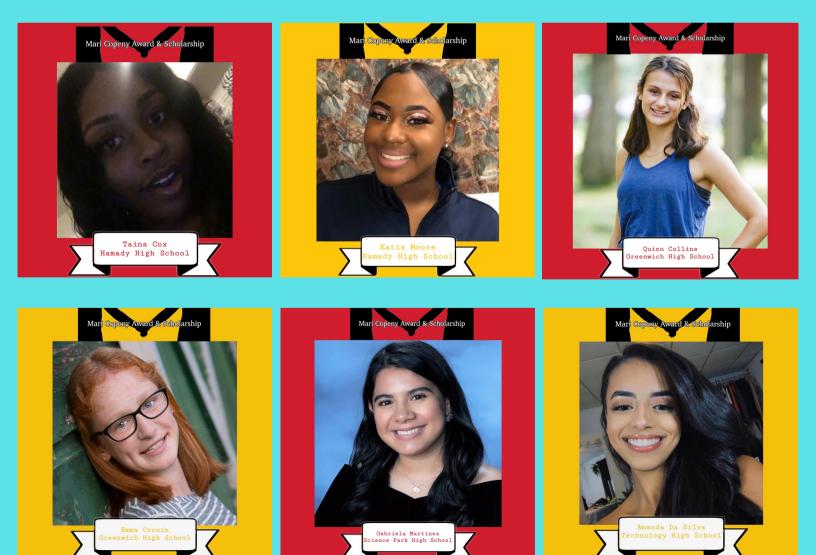


WICC has provided a small but mighty chunk of volunteer hours to local COVID relief efforts, including over hours of 20 volunteering at the CFC Food Center and helping contribute 26 volunteer hours to the drive-thru massive pantry effort on May 7th.

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## Mari Copeny Award and Scholarship

On April 28th, WICC officially announced the 6 graduating seniors we awarded the Mari Copeny Award and Scholarship to. Along with a \$100 scholarship, this award highlights leadership and a strong sense of community in young people in Flint Michigan, Newark New Jersey, and Greenwich New York. Through this award we will continue to do what we can to encourage young people to volunteer, help others, stay educated on community issues, and actively participate in their community.



## Summer Remote Internship Program



We wanted to provide a unique and meaningful summer program for 9 of our peers during the COVID-19 crisis, considering many people lost their summer jobs, internships, and other opportunities. Our interns were important team members developing our 2020 Advocacy Initiative, Social Media Campaigns, COVID-19 Relief Fundraiser, and the Virtual Run Fast For Flint 5k.

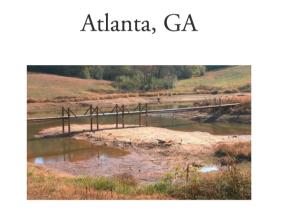
Interns participated in educational seminars with the National Clean Water Collective, watched fun and informational weekly movies and docs for Movie Club, and completed weekly tasks during their 2 month internship to help advance their San Joaquin and Atlanta advocacy campaigns, the COVID-19 Fundraiser and Bonfire Merch sale, and the Run Fast For Flint 5k.



### **Advocacy Initiative**

Advocacy Team Members Arianna Trapp, Amy Chen, and Trinity Woodson start their own awareness campaigns for regions they selected and researched.

Atlanta's pervasive drought problem is what we focused on raising awareness of. Trinity's campaign focused on contacting local leaders about the drought problem and bettering water conservation education in schools.



San Joaquin Valley, CA



Amy and Arianna focused mostly on legislation regarding water access for rural communities in one of the nation's most important agricultural hubs.

You can read more about both Advocacy Campaigns online at yeswicc.com/advocacy.

# Black Lives Matter

Water insecurity. Environmental racism. Racial Justice. Considering BIPOC communities bear the brunt of America's water crisis, WICC's goals directly align with the mission of the ongoing Black Lives Matter movement. To contribute to the movement in the meaningful way, we put together a webinar on Racism and Water Security in June. Five experts in water security and environmental racism spoke in the "Water is Equality" panel on the 28th.

Special thanks to Mila, Hope, Anthony, Syrah, and Kevin for participating in this panel.



To watch the full panel event, take action on legislative issues, and more information, go to yeswicc.com/BLM.



# Run Fast For Flint Virtual 2020

\$1,568 was raised for Flint this year, despite being a fully virtual race due to COVID. 62 participants ran or walked from around the country. For full results and more, go to yeswicc.com/virtual2020.







# COVID-19 Relief Fundraiser

Although it hasn't finished yet, our COVID-19 Relief Fundraiser will be helping water insecure communities in need as they fight the pandemic. The funds raised from this effort will be going to on-theground organizations like the Community Water Center in CA, the Newark Water Coalition, the Navajo Nation, Cattahoochie Riverkeeper in GA, and the National Clean Water Collective in Flint.



We sold 23 shirts through our Bonfire Merch Store, all proceeds of which will be going to the COVID 19 Relief Fund.

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On to Year Two! Thank you!